or industrial effluent fiows into Ganga. Currently, there is a sewage treatment capacity of about 1,000 million litres per day (mld) against about 3,000 mld sewage being generated in the towns along Ganga. An estimated investment of Rs. 15,000 crore over the next 10 years will be required to create the necessary treatment and sewerage infrastructure, to be shared suitably between Centre and States after consultations with the Planning Commission. An allocation of Rs 250 crore has been provided by the Central Government for NGRBA in the current financial year.

Impact of global warming

327. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has faced impact of global warming recently like floods in coastal areas, drought and shortfall of rain in agricultural producing States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government is taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH) : (a) and (b) There is no conclusive scientific study to substantiate that the recent floods in coastal areas, drought and shortfall of rain in agricultural producing States is due to global warming. The studies conducted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) do not reveal confirmed findings about the adverse impact of climate change on Indian agriculture.

(c) A National Action Plan on climate change was launched in June 2008 which envisages *inter alia* National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture. The National Mission aims at developing strategies to make Indian agriculture more resilient to climate change through development of new varieties of thermal resistant crops, new credit and insurance mechanisms, better access to information and use of bio-technology.

Tiger Mortality

328. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the nurnber of tigers died due to illness/poaching during the last two years, till date;

(b) the details of the poachers booked/arrested/sentenced during the above period; and

(c) the steps taken to save tigers from poachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH) : (a) The details of tiger mortality, as reported by tiger States, are given in the Statement-I (See below).